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SEASONAL DECLINE PLACES R. I. JOBS TOTAL AT 405,200

"October employment declined, reacting to mixed, but normal seasonal fluctuations. Gains in the manufacturing segment were offset by losses in the nonmanufacturing segment," Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security reported today.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, there were 405,200 jobs in Rhode Island at mid-October. This figure represents a loss of 1,600 jobs in a month (mostly due to seasonal factors) and a decline of 4,800 when compared with a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING JOBS EXPERIENCE SEASONAL DOWNTURN TO 268,500

The number of jobs in this State's nonmanufacturing industries dropped to 268,500 in mid-October, a loss of 2,500 in the month and 1,400 over the year.

Employment in the Services industries (78,200) declined by 1,700 jobs in the month, nearly all attributable to normal seasonal downturns in Hotels/Motels, Amusement/Recreation, and Social Services jobs. Over the year, however, Services employment was up by 100 jobs.

Wholesale and Retail Trade, at 81,000 jobs, experienced a mild over-the-month cutback of 400 jobs, due mostly to seasonal losses in

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LOOKING FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTS? DES COMPILES DATA FOR EMPLOYERS

Every business or firm employing fifty or more workers that successfully bids on a contract with the Federal government amounting to $50,000 or more in goods and services must initiate and maintain an Affirmative Action Plan. By doing so, the firm pledges itself to a sincere effort to achieve equality in its workforce without regard to race, sex or membership in a minority group.

Copies of these Affirmative Action Plans must be filed with the Federal Office of Contract Compliance and they must contain current information about the local labor force, employment and unemployment levels, and additional data on women and minority group members of the work force in the area in which the contract-seeking firm is located.

All manpower information needed for Affirmative Action Plans is compiled on a regular, on-going basis by the Reserach and Statistics Unit of the Department of Employment Security's Labor Relations, Research and Information Division.

This information is available to any employer and can be requested by writing to the Department of Employment Security, Labor Relations, Research and Statistics Unit, 24 Mason Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 or by calling 401/277-3706.

IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
Total Placements	3,189 p	1,977	2,158
New Applications	5,522 p	5,219	4,447
New Openings Received	3,848 p	3,691	3,681

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	% Change from Sept.
Initial Claims	11,227	8,014	+ 40.1
No. of Payments	60,176	59,887	+ 0.5
Amt. of Payments	$5,095,671	$4,742,493	+ 7.4
Exhaustions	2,037	1,737	+ 17.3

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	% Change from Sept.
Initial Claims	1,820	1,410	+ 29.1
No. of Payments	16,039	14,428	+ 11.2
Amt. of Payments	$1,469,068	$1,303,245	+ 12.7

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
October 1979

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
TOTAL	14,811	100.0
Men	7,141	48.2
Under 45	4,007	56.1
45 and over	3,134	43.9
Women	7,670	51.8
Under 45	3,720	48.5
45 and over	3,950	51.5
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	715	4.8
Manufacturing	6,612	44.6
Public Utilities	572	3.9
Trade	2,104	14.2
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	573	3.9
Service	2,476	16.7
All Other	1,759	11.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,161	14.6
Clerical and Sales	2,733	18.5
Service	1,274	8.6
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	287	1.9
Processing	772	5.2
Machine Trades	1,603	10.8
Bench Work	2,461	16.6
Structural Work	1,216	8.2
Miscellaneous	1,875	12.7
Not Available	429	2.9

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	455.7	458.9	441.7
Unemployment	24.2	27.4	26.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	6.0	5.9
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.8	6.0	6.4

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	29,895	30,310	26,850
Unemployment	1,290	1,395	1,240
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	4.6	5.0

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	13,725	14,235	12,635
Unemployment	655	810	740
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	5.7	5.9

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1980. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Burrillville
Charlestown
Coventry
East Greenwich
Foster
Glocester
Hopkinton
Johnston
New Shoreham
Newport
North Kingstown
North Smithfield
Pawtucket
Providence
Richmond
Scituate
West Warwick
Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT In Thousands Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Net Change From Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings Oct. 1979	Oct. 1978	Weekly Hours Oct. 1979	Oct. 1978	Hourly Earnings Oct. 1979	Oct. 1978
ALL MANUFACTURING	136.7	135.8	140.1	+ 900	— 3400	$203.31	$187.50	38.8	38.9	$5.24	$4.82
DURABLE GOODS	56.9	56.7	55.6	+ 200	+ 1300	233.60	215.74	40.0	40.4	5.84	5.34
PRIMARY METALS	6.9 †	7.0 †	7.1	— 100	— 200	251.08	252.42	42.7	45.4	5.88	5.56
FABRICATED METALS	10.3	10.1	10.1	+ 200	+ 200	200.67	182.03	37.3	36.7	5.38	4.96
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	10.2	10.2	9.6	0	+ 600	288.77	282.76	43.1	44.6	6.70	6.34
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.8	12.7	12.3	+ 100	+ 500	192.51	176.18	37.6	38.3	5.12	4.60
STONE-CLAY GLASS	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 200	240.83	223.21	42.4	41.8	5.68	5.34
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	6.2	6.1	6.1	+ 100	+ 100	269.84	226.56	39.8	38.4	6.78	5.90
INSTRUMENTS	5.5	5.5	5.5	0	0	215.20	192.10	40.3	40.7	5.34	4.72
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	1.6	1.7	1.7	— 100	— 100	227.66	175.44	37.2	34.0	6.12	5.16
NONDURABLE GOODS	79.8	79.1	84.5	+ 700	— 4700	182.30	169.03	37.9	37.9	4.81	4.46
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	30.8	30.6	34.6	+ 200	— 3800	157.61	144.84	36.4	36.3	4.33	3.99
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.6	3.5	3.8	+ 100	— 200	196.04	212.78	33.8	37.2	5.80	5.72
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	13.2	13.2	13.1	0	+ 100	197.24	179.63	40.5	41.2	4.87	4.36
APPAREL	3.6	3.6	4.0	0	— 400	182.62	155.50	40.9	37.2	4.47	4.18
PAPER PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0	195.70	184.63	38.6	39.2	5.07	4.71
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.4	5.3	5.3	+ 100	+ 100	285.19	267.71	40.8	40.5	6.99	6.61
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.3	3.2	3.4	+ 100	— 100	261.71	289.26	38.6	41.8	6.78	6.92
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	— 300	202.27	177.43	39.2	35.7	5.16	4.97
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 100	201.89	186.40	38.9	40.0	5.19	4.66
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 100	128.13	122.44	35.2	35.8	3.64	3.42
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.1	5.9	6.4	+ 200	— 300	163.62	153.22	37.7	35.8	4.34	4.28

* LUMBER-FURNITURE. † LABOR DISPUTE

1978 FIGURES REVISED. 1979 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
SEPTEMBER 1979

	ACCESSION RATE Total Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	New Hire Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	SEPARATION RATE Total Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Quit Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Lay-Off Rate Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978
MANUFACTURING	6.7	6.8	7.8	5.5	5.2	6.9	7.0	6.8	7.3	4.5	4.6	5.3	1.2	1.1	0.7
DURABLE GOODS	5.5	5.2	4.7	5.0	4.3	4.0	5.3	5.2	4.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	0.9	0.9	0.3
Primary Metals	2.7	3.7	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.2	3.9	3.1	2.4	1.5	2.2	1.3	2.0	0.2	0.2
Fabricated Metals	6.3	4.4	4.6	5.3	3.7	3.7	6.7	6.1	4.6	3.7	2.9	3.1	1.0	1.4	0.2
Non-Elec. Machinery	3.0	3.3	4.4	2.5	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.2	1.7	0.9	1.3	0.3	1.6	0.3
Electrical Machinery	6.5	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.4	6.8	6.7	7.1	5.4	5.0	5.6	0.4	0.8	0.1
Instruments-Optical	5.4	4.4	4.3	5.1	4.2	4.0	4.7	4.0	4.4	3.5	3.0	3.5	0.4	0.3	0.2
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	8.7	8.8	6.5	8.2	6.6	5.8	6.8	8.3	6.1	4.2	5.8	4.3	1.7	1.2	0.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	8.4	8.0	9.8	5.9	5.8	8.7	8.2	7.9	9.2	5.4	5.6	6.6	1.4	1.2	0.9
Food-Beverage	12.3	15.2	8.7	7.0	7.1	6.6	7.2	10.4	11.8	5.3	6.1	6.1	1.1	3.4	4.9
Textiles	6.4	7.5	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.9	7.8	6.1	3.6	4.1	3.5	1.0	2.4	1.7
Apparel	7.3	7.2	5.5	3.1	4.9	4.1	6.5	7.3	3.2	2.3	3.9	1.1	3.6	2.7	1.6
Paper & Allied Products	7.5	7.6	8.5	6.5	6.7	7.8	8.1	8.6	8.1	6.3	5.9	6.7	0.7	1.0	0.1
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	5.5	6.7	5.2	4.6	5.0	3.9	6.5	6.9	7.7	4.4	5.0	5.2	0.1	0.2	0.5
Jueelry & Silverware	8.2	8.1	10.8	6.5	5.8	9.6	9.6	7.4	11.2	5.6	5.5	8.1	2.4	1.0	0.6
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	6.6	7.5	15.4	5.6	6.3	14.5	8.4	9.0	9.7	6.9	7.5	8.4	0.3	0.7	0.2

* RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 1979 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR AUGUST 1979 AND SEPTEMBER 1978 ARE FINAL.

* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS; AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From			
	October 1979	September 1979	October 1978		September 1979		October 1978
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	405.2	406.8	410.0	—	1600	—	4800
MANUFACTURING	136.7	135.8	140.1	+	900	—	3400
NONMANUFACTURING	268.5	271.0	269.9	—	2500	—	1400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.6	14.8	15.8	—	200	—	1200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.3	13.7	13.6	—	400	—	300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	81.0	81.4	81.2	—	400	—	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.8	20.6	20.1	+	200	+	700
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	78.2	79.9	78.1	—	1700	+	100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.6	60.6 †	61.1		0	—	500

1979 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. 1978 FIGURES HAVE BEEN REVISED. † Labor Dispute
ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
* FARMERS, SELF-EMPLOYED, DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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Eating and Drinking establishments offsetting gains reported in most other trade segments.

Transportation and Public Utilities employment dropped 400 jobs to 13,300. Seasonal declines in Water Transportation and Utility Services accounted for most of the monthly decline. Contract construction also declined over the month by 200 jobs, to 14,600 in mid-October. Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate firms showed a gain of 200 workers in the monthly comparison to reach 20,800.

The number of City, State and Federal employees remained unchanged over the month, at 60,600, despite the return of nearly 1,000 workers from a labor duspute in September. Losses in Municipal employment, due mostly to termination of CETA programs, and seasonal cutbacks in State jobs offset gains reported in the Local Education sector.

FACTORY TOTALS HIGHER

The mid-October survey revealed a gain of 900 manufacturing jobs to a 136,700 total; down 3,400 from the corresponding period in October, 1978. Durable goods firms employed 56,900 men and women in October, up 200 in a month and 1,300 over twelve months ago. Fabricated metals, Electrical machinery and Transportation equipment advanced by 200, 100, and 100 jobs, respectively, over the month. Primary metals, in a continuing labor dispute, and Other Durable goods each dropped by 100 jobs over the month. All other Durable goods segments remained at last month's levels.

There was a gain of 700 workers in the Nondurable goods segments, to reach 79,800. Employment in Jewelry/Silverware and Miscellaneous Manufacturing grew by 200 jobs each over the month.

Food/Beverages, Printing/Publishing, and Chemicals each boosted employment by 100 jobs over the month. All other Nondurable goods segments remained at last month's totals.

HOURS AND WAGES

The average manufacturing workweek decreased 0.6 hours over the month to 38.8 in October, about the same as one year ago. Average hourly earnings rose 6 cents an hour in October to $5.24, up 42 cents over the year, and producing a gross weekly earnings figure of $203.31 in October, 1979.

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	453.7	456.7	437.2
Unemployment	23.0	23.0	23.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	5.0	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.8	5.6	6.3

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or Enterprise 2265
TJTC Job Orders 277-6950

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40 Fountain Street 277-3579
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Manufacturing 277-3556
Construction 277-3559
40 Fountain Street
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